ORDER OF EXERCISES

Coastal Carolina University Honors Convocation

Please stand for the Processional
Robert F. Young
Senior Faculty Mace Bearer

Processional
Pomp and Circumstance
Sir Edward Elgar
arr. Charlie Hill/Chuck Elledge

The Star-Spangled Banner
John Stafford Smith/Francis Scott Key

Welcome
Michael T. Benson
President, Coastal Carolina University

PRESENTATION of DEPARTMENTAL PROGRAM ACADEMIC AWARDS

Conway Medical Center College of Health and Human Performance

Colleen A. McGlone
Dean
Master of Science in Sport Management: Cari Rosiek
Exercise and Sport Science: Alexis Coleman
Health Administration: Diana Hernandez Rodriguez
Nursing: Madison Candler
Public Health: Jessica Cedeno
Recreation and Sport Management: Chelsea Jameson
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E. Craig Wall Sr. College of Business Administration

Erika E. Small
Dean
Master of Accountancy: Trenton Friedman
Master of Business Administration: Lina Perugini
Accounting: Carl Curtiss
Economics (B.S.B.A.): Michael Reiss
Finance: Bailey Ruhf
Hospitality, Resort, and Tourism Management: Erin Malone
Management: Leah Tashian
Marketing: Jessica Nicosia

Gupta College of Science

Chad L. Leverette
Dean
Master of Science in Coastal Marine and Wetland Studies: Zachary Czoer
Master of Science in Information Systems Technology: James Olivencia
Applied Mathematics: Emma Keiner
Applied Physics: Grant "Cage" Mitchell
Applied Statistics: Tyler Rielly
Biochemistry: Anna Tingler
Biology: Matthew Defreitas
Computer Science: Auston Hefling
Engineering Science: Julianna Davis
Information Systems: Elyssa Sexton
Information Technology: Breana Thornell
Marine Science: Tiffani McNeil
Psychology: Nikki Boon
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HTC Honors College

Sara N. Hottinger
Dean
Sustainability and Coastal Resilience (B.S.): Katelyn Cilino
Women’s and Gender Studies (B.A.): Brianne Mack-Bingham

Spadoni College of Education and Social Sciences

Holley E. Tankersley
Dean
Ph.D. in Education Sciences: Kristy Floyd
Master of Arts in Teaching: John Smith Jr.
Master of Education in Educational Leadership: Kimberlyn Mendez
Master of Education in Instructional Technology: Angélica Rainwater
Master of Education in Language, Literacy, and Culture: Christopher Bonanny
Master of Education in Special Education: Jessica Basyari
Anthropology and Geography: Hannah Truman
Criminal Justice: Jaqueline Badillo
Early Childhood Education: Gabriella Dintino
Elementary Education: Alexa Passamonti
Middle Level Education: Mary Morgan
Physical Education: Callie Bryant
Political Science: Margaret “Megan” Shoop
Sociology: Adonya Pertell
Special Education: Teresa Antunes

Thomas W. and Robin W. Edwards College of Humanities and Fine Arts

Claudia Bornholdt
Dean
Master of Arts in Communication: Oscar McConnell
Master of Arts in Liberal Studies: Richard Anderson
Master of Arts in Music Technology: Dani Gainey
Master of Arts in Writing: Emma Streberger
Art History: Ava Starnes
Art Studio: Autumn Belvin
Communication, Media, and Culture: Dyneira Brown
Digital Culture and Design: Leslie Shattuck
English: Evelyn Scott
Graphic Design: Tiera Rivers
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History: Valentina Bermejo
Intelligence and National Security Studies: Kristian Nesheim
Interdisciplinary Studies (B.A.I.S.): Ola Watson
Interdisciplinary Studies (B.S.I.S.): Jordan Roballo
Languages and Intercultural Studies: Margaret “Megan” Shoop
Music: Samuel Hickman
Music Education: Joshua Hackley
Philosophy: James Lundie
Theatre Arts (B.F.A.): Cooper McGill
Theatre (B.A.): Alexa Castro-Giovanni
Visual Art: Ava Starnes
Visual Communication Design: Jason Orcutt

HTC Honors Program Recognition
Louis E. Keiner
Director
Sara N. Hottinger

Acknowledgements of Brown Scholars,
Dyer Fellows, Jackson Scholars,
Swain Scholars, Teaching Fellows, and
Wall Fellows

Brown Scholars: Matthew Gilbert
Advisor
Christian Grissett

Dyer Fellows: Jacqueline Kurlowski
Advisor
Jessica Cedeno
Katelyn Cilino
Connor Denny-Lybbert
Keegan Gregg
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Tyler Rielly
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  Rebekah Miles  
  Maxwell Pate  
  Adonya Pertell |
| **Swain Scholars:** | Sharon Thompson  
  *Advisor*  
  McKinley Chapman  
  Trinity Ghering |
| **Teaching Fellows:** | Teresa Gibbons  
  *Advisor*  
  Emily Brock  
  Kylee Brown  
  Savannah Funderburk  
  Kadi Gainey  
  Hannah Hall  
  Alisha Horn  
  Sarah McKenna  
  Mary Morgan  
  Macy Squires  
  Brianna Stewart  
  Mason Tyler |
| **Wall Fellows:** | Jay Page  
  *Advisor*  
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  Lauren Bomley  
  Maeve Brady  
  Abigail Brown  
  Raleigh Cook  
  Nathan Koch  
  Jennifer Lewis  
  Nicholas Urbanek |
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Acknowledgment of Honor Societies

Presentation of the Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award

Presentation of the Distinguished Professor of the Year Award

Presentation of the Undergraduate Research Competition Winners

Winner of the Undergraduate Research Competition Oral Presentations

Winner of the Undergraduate Research Competition Poster Presentations

Closing

Alma Mater ~Coastal Carolina

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Alma Mater ~Coastal Carolina

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AWARDS

**Departmental Program Academic Awards**
Departmental awards recognize outstanding academic accomplishments by students as well as contributions to the academic quality of the department. Candidates are nominated and selected by the college faculty.

**HTC Honors College Recognition**
The primary mission of the HTC Honors College is to encourage and assist honors students in developing reasoning, intellectual, leadership, decision-making, organizational, and social skills through high-quality, challenging classroom instruction and participation in community service projects.

**Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award**
The Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award recognizes outstanding academic achievements by a senior student. Selected by a faculty committee with representatives from each college, candidates have attained the endorsement of a faculty advisor and a record of academic honors throughout their enrollment at the University.

**Distinguished Professor of the Year Award**
The Distinguished Professor of the Year Award recognizes excellence in teaching. A student committee, chaired by the vice president of the Student Government Association and composed of two representatives from each of the colleges, solicits nominations from students. The eight leading candidates receive classroom visitations from at least two members of the committee. The final four candidates are interviewed by the entire committee.

**Brown Scholars**
The Brown Scholars are a select group of students who educate and mentor students in the Each One Teach One Entrepreneurship Institute. The scholars deliver workshops on life and leadership skills to middle and high school students in the Conway area. Scholars are community leaders, enthusiastic educators, and caring role models.

**Swain Scholars**
Established through the generous donation of Kenneth Swain of Myrtle Beach, this scholarship and credit-bearing program develops students in community health outreach through coursework, training, and internships.

**Dyer Fellows**
The focus of the Dyer Institute for Leadership and Public Policy is to engage students in active learning opportunities where they may gain knowledge in various areas of policy research. The goal is to provide students with experiences that will connect academic theory to practice as well as foster the importance of civic-minded citizens.

**Jackson Scholars**
Students are chosen every other year for CCU’s two-year Jackson Scholars program, established in 2004 to cultivate and promote awareness in students of the importance of personal and professional integrity.
Teaching Fellows
The South Carolina Teaching Fellows program is a scholarship program funded by the Center for Educator Recruitment, Retention, and Advancement (CERRA). The program supports high-achieving South Carolina high school students who wish to pursue a degree in education. Following graduation, scholarship recipients must teach in a state public school for a minimum of three years. The Teaching Fellows receive professional training and serve in leadership roles. CCU is one of only 11 institutions in the state identified as a Teaching Fellows Institution, and is highly competitive in receiving 20-25 students each year.

Wall Fellows
Founded in 1995, the University's Wall Fellows program is a unique organization designed to prepare top students for high-level careers in major U.S. and international corporations and organizations.
Cari Rosiek came to Coastal Carolina University as an undergraduate softball player from Greencastle, Pa., and finished her bachelor’s degree in 1999. She has been employed by the Coastal Carolina Athletic Department since 2003 and is currently the Senior Woman Administrator and Associate Athletic Director for Student-Athlete Enhancement. In 2019, she decided to continue her studies by working on a master’s degree in sport management. She serves on the NCAA Division I Volleyball Selection Committee as well as the Sun Belt Conference Strategic Planning Steering Committee. She was recently appointed to the board of directors for the Grand Strand Miracle League. Rosiek plans on continuing in her current role with the University.

Alexis Coleman is a native of Columbia, S.C. Since arriving at Coastal Carolina in 2019, Coleman has been actively involved in her exercise and sports science major. Throughout her time at CCU, she had research published, and she presented at the SEACSM Conference this spring in Greenville, S.C., on “Mitochondrial and Pulmonary Oxygen Uptake Kinetics Following Moderate Intensity Cycling” with Professor Timothy Rotaruis. Coleman made the President’s List six semesters and the Dean’s List in Spring 2022. Coleman is the vice president of the Sigma Xi chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and a member of the Exercise Science Club and Order of Omega. After graduating from Coastal Carolina University, Coleman plans to further her education by beginning her doctoral degree in physical therapy at High Point University in May 2023.

Diana Hernandez Rodriguez, a native of Myrtle Beach, S.C., is a health administration major. Her exceptional academic performance resulted in her acceptance into the 2023 Dyer Fellowship cohort, and she has consistently made the Dean’s List each semester. As part of her fellowship with the Dyer program, she conducted research on the opioid crisis in Horry County while spearheading efforts to enhance access to naloxone on Coastal Carolina University’s campus. In her spare time, Hernandez Rodriguez participates as a forward or a flank for the Coastal Carolina’s Club Rugby team. After completing her undergraduate degree, she intends to pursue a master’s degree in business administration, specializing in health or business analytics.

Jessica Cedeno is a senior from Conway, S.C., majoring in public health with a concentration in health care administration. She is a member of the HTC Honors College, the Public Health Honors Society (Eta Sigma Gamma), and the Pre-Health Professions Association. Cedeno is interested in helping others understand health issues that could affect their lifestyles and educating them on how to embrace healthy behaviors for themselves and their families. Her keen intellect is reflected in her grades, with Cedeno achieving the President’s List two semesters and the Dean’s List for four semesters. Due to her academic success and strong work ethic, she was awarded a prestigious Dyer Fellowship. As part of the fellowship, Cedeno is researching childhood obesity in South Carolina public schools with Professor Sherer Royce. She aims to develop a policy that allows schools to work one-on-one with parents and students by providing nutritional and physical activity check-ups. The goal is to decrease childhood obesity rates throughout South Carolina. After graduation, she plans to attend graduate school and study health care administration.

Madison Candler will graduate with her Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree in December. She was born in Chicago, Ill., and has traveled most of her life as part of a military family. Candler earned her associate of applied science degree in nursing from Horry-Georgetown Technical College prior to coming to Coastal Carolina University. She is working at Conway Medical Center as a registered nurse on the surgical unit. Future plans include continuing to provide direct patient care as a nurse and potentially pursuing graduate school.
RECREATION AND SPORT MANAGEMENT

Chelsea Jameson
Since Chelsea Jameson arrived at Coastal Carolina University from Richboro, Pa., she has been a very active student. During the last three years, Jameson was the head manager for the Coastal Carolina women's basketball team. While serving in this role, she was consistently named to the President’s and Dean’s lists. She is a board member of Student Chanticleer Athletic Foundation and a lead sport ambassador with Chanticleer Athletic Foundation. She has also competed with the club soccer team for the past four years. She is planning on pursuing a law degree after graduation.

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Lina Perugini
Lina Perugini has been a top-performing student and student-athlete since coming to CCU from Bethlehem, Pa., in 2019. While competing as a member of the volleyball team, she earned a bachelor’s degree in public health in three years as a member of the HTC Honors College and then began to pursue her MBA. Perugini was recognized as a Dean’s List and President’s List student, and named to the Commissioner’s List of the Sun Belt Conference. Perugini was president of the Coastal Carolina Student-Athlete Advisory Council (SAAC) and a three-year team captain of the volleyball team. After graduation, she will enroll at Penn State University to study corporate innovation and entrepreneurship and compete as a member of the Penn State volleyball team to take advantage of her COVID year of extra competition.

E. CRAIG WALL SR. COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

MASTER OF ACCOUNTANCY

Trenton Friedman
Trenton Friedman, from Surfside Beach, S.C., is earning a master’s degree in accounting. Friedman made the President’s List five semesters and the Dean’s List one semester and was honored as the Accounting Student of the Year while completing his undergraduate accounting degree. He is working on passing all sections of the CPA (Certified Public Accountant) exam. Upon graduation, Friedman will be moving to Charlotte to pursue a career in public accounting with Elliott Davis, CPAs.

ACCOUNTING

Carl Curtiss
Carl Curtiss grew up in the Tampa Bay, Fla., area and graduated from Keswick Christian High School. After attending the University of North Florida for two years, Curtiss enlisted in the Army, where he served four years in the 25th Infantry Division and one year in the 82nd Airborne Division. His service also includes a deployment to Afghanistan. After being honorably discharged from the military, Curtiss enrolled at CCU. He has achieved the President’s List for three semesters and the Dean’s List for two semesters. Curtiss is a member of the Beta Gamma Sigma business honor society, a student member of the South Carolina Association of CPAs, and has interned for the past two years at Smith Sapp CPAs in Myrtle Beach. Following graduation, he plans to pursue his CPA licensure and continue working in the public accounting field.

ECONOMICS

Michael Reiss
Michael Reiss is originally from Long Island, N.Y., but has lived in Myrtle Beach for eight years. He is an economics major with a minor in actuarial science. He made the President’s List in each of the four semesters he enrolled at Coastal Carolina and is a member of the Beta Gamma Sigma business honor society. After graduating, he plans to work as an actuary in the insurance industry and eventually pursue a master’s degree in economics.

FINANCE

Bailey Ruhf
Bailey Ruhf hails from Laceyville, Pa., and attended Wyalusing Valley High School. Ruhf has earned a place on the President’s List for five semesters and the Dean’s List for one semester. She is a member of Beta Gamma Sigma business honor society. This semester, she completed her honors thesis research with Professor Hazel Dadanlar analyzing Southwest Airlines and its strategic managerial and financial decisions. Following graduation, she plans to return home and start her career working with Child Hunger Outreach Partners, a nonprofit focused on eliminating childhood food insecurity.
DEPARTMENTAL AWARD RECIPIENTS

HOSPITALITY, RESORT, AND TOURISM MANAGEMENT

Erin Malone
Originally from Santee, S.C., Erin Malone is a hospitality, resort and tourism management double major with a minor in information systems technology. She has been an active member of Delta Sigma Pi business fraternity, serving in multiple leadership positions, as well as Beta Gamma Sigma business honor society, Eta Sigma Delta hospitality honor society, and the Student Executive Leadership program. In addition to the dedication she has shown to her organizations, she also has shown dedication to her classes, as illustrated by her seven semesters on the President’s List and semester on the Dean’s List. After graduation, she plans to pursue an MBA with a focus in accounting.

MANAGEMENT

Leah Tashian
Leah Tashian is a senior from New Jersey, double majoring in marketing and management with a concentration in human resources. She has repeatedly been on the Dean’s List and received invitations to join the Student Executive Leaders program and the Order of Omega Greek honor society. Tashian joined Gamma Phi Beta sorority in Fall 2019, serving a term as financial vice president and two terms as academic chairwoman. In Spring 2020, Tashian joined the CoBE Institute. As a junior associate, she completed several consulting projects prior to being promoted to senior associate and ultimately associate director, running all daily operations of the program, together with the executive director. In her time as associate director, Tashian has personally managed 25 peer-led client consulting projects in a variety of industries, organization types, and organization sizes. After graduation, Tashian will join Verizon in their human resources leadership and development program in June. She will continue her education at CCU as an online MBA student.

MARKETING

Jessica Nicosia
Originally from Hudson Valley, N.Y., Jessica Nicosia enrolled as a marketing major at the sophomore level after completing two semesters of college credits while in high school. Since arriving at Coastal Carolina, she has consistently achieved the President’s List all six semesters, and was selected to join Beta Gamma Sigma, the international business honor society. Nicosia was an associate with the CoBE Institute and a recipient of the E. Craig Wall Sr. College of Business Board of Visitors Endowed Scholarship. In May 2022, Nicosia began an internship with Garden City Realty as their multimedia marketing intern and has continued this internship through her final two semesters. After graduation, Nicosia will be relocating to Charlotte, N.C., to begin her professional career.

GUPTA COLLEGE OF SCIENCE

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN COASTAL MARINE AND WETLAND STUDIES

Zach Czoer
Zach Czoer, originally from Cincinnati, Ohio, joined the Coastal Marine and Wetland Studies program after receiving his Bachelor of Science degree in environmental science, specializing in ecosystem restoration, from Ohio State University. As a master’s student, his thesis research focused on investigating sea-level change during the last 3,000 years in the Northern Gulf of Mexico to decipher regional scale variations over centennial to millennial timescales. Czoer received multiple research grants, including the Kathryn D. Sullivan Space Grant from the NASA South Carolina Space Grant Consortium and the Douglas D. Nelson Fellowship. He presented his research at the annual American Geophysical Union Fall Conference and will present at the International Union for Quaternary Research Congress this summer in Rome, Italy. Czoer was elected as the graduate student representative for the Coastal Marine and Wetland Studies program since March 2022. Following graduation, he plans to pursue a Ph.D. to continue research on the sustainability and development of coastal wetland systems.

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN INFORMATION SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY

James Olivencia
James Olivencia is from Long Island, N.Y., but has been a resident of Murrells Inlet, S.C., for the past six years. After leaving law
DEPARTMENTAL AWARD RECIPIENTS

Olivencia is interested in network security and artificial intelligence and hopes to apply the knowledge of what he learned in the MSIST program in his future career path.

He has been on the President's List every semester and has sought to constantly immerse himself in all aspects of student life. He serves as the founder and president of the Physics and Engineering Club, a Presidential Ambassador, a physics tutor, and a student learning assistant. Prior to landing a paid NASA internship, Mitchell conducted research on engineering ways to passively filter microplastics out of the environment. After travelling through Central America in a converted sprinter van, he plans on pursuing a Ph.D. in environmental engineering.

Biochemistry
Anna Tingler
Anna Tingler is from Hurricane, W.Va. She completed her honors thesis research with Professor Bryan Wakefield studying the synthesis of phidianidine analogs containing modifications in the indole, aromatic, and biaryl ring systems. Tingler is president of Omicron Delta Kappa and the Biochemistry and Chemistry Club. She is also a member of Phi Eta Sigma and the National Society of Leadership and Success. Tingler has been a tutor and lab learning assistant for the chemistry department. After graduation, she plans to pursue a Ph.D. in biomedical sciences.

Biology
Matthew Defreitas
Matthew Defreitas is a biology major from Fort Bragg, N.C., and has been on the President’s List at Coastal Carolina every semester since earning his associate degree from Horry-Georgetown Technical College. He has been very active in the Gupta College of Science, participating in multiple clubs related to biology, being selected for the Biology Honors Society, and serving as a lecture assistant for Physics for Life Sciences. Defreitas has also excelled in research outside of the classroom by examining the gene function of a bacteriophage with biology professor Daniel Williams. This research has led to two presentations at scientific conferences with two more conference presentations planned. This research project will serve as the basis for his honors thesis. Defreitas is planning on earning a doctorate in microbiology or molecular biology and pursuing a career in biomedical research.

Applied Mathematics
Emma Keiner
Emma Keiner hails from Longs, S.C., and is an applied mathematics major with a minor in statistics. Since her freshman year, she has been a part of the HTC Honors College, which has provided her with an opportunity to engage in advanced coursework, research, and experiential learning. Keiner is an active member of the Phi Sigma Pi National Honors Fraternity, where she has served as the scholarship committee chair for the past three semesters. In recognition of her leadership skills and academic achievements, she was recently inducted into the Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Honor Society and the national mathematics society, Pi Mu Epsilon. Keiner has been on the President's List every semester since she came to Coastal Carolina in 2019. After graduation, she plans to further her education in graduate school with a possible concentration in dynamical systems.

Applied Statistics
Tyler Rielly
Tyler Rielly is a local to the Grand Strand, originally living in Steubenville, Ohio, and moving to Myrtle Beach, S.C., in 2014. He is a double major in applied statistics and political science. He has completed capstone research in the analysis of NFL playoff overtime rules using absorbing state Markov chains and the differences between split and straight ticket voting. Rielly was a resident adviser for two years and is completing an internship with the Coastal Carolina Baseball data analytics team. He is also part of the Dyer Fellows, where his research includes ways to increase voter turnout by means of voter registration. After graduation, Rielly plans to go into the field of data analytics.

Applied Physics
Grant McCager "Cage" Mitchell
As a legacy student - both his parents and his sister graduated from CCU, Mitchell has thrived at Coastal Carolina University.
DEPARTMENTAL AWARD RECIPIENTS

COMPUTER SCIENCE

Auston Hefling

Auston Hefling is from Northport, Wash., and did not attend any formal schooling before coming to Coastal Carolina University. Instead, he acquired his GED and enlisted in the U.S. Army, working over the course of four years to earn the G.I. Bill, which he has used to help pay for his tuition. Since arriving at CCU, he has been named to the President’s List for all but one semester, when he was on the Dean’s List. He is set to graduate summa cum laude. For most of Hefling’s time at CCU, he has worked as a computer science department tutor, as well as a student research intern with Los Alamos National Laboratory and Professor William Jones, doing various tasks including neural net, machine learning, and artificial intelligence research. After graduation, Hefling plans to pursue a career in software engineering and related fields.

INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Elyssa Sexton

Elyssa Sexton is from Lancaster, S.C., and has spent her time at Coastal Carolina pursuing a B.S. in information systems with a minor in graphic design. She was dedicated to her academics, with five semesters on the President’s List and three on the Dean’s List. Sexton was also actively involved on campus, spending three years working as an Orientation Leader, serving two years as a building manager in the student union, and spending her senior year as a resident adviser in Eaglin Hall. Upon graduation, she plans to move to Nashville, Tenn., to begin her career as a consultant at Capgemini.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Breana Thornell

Breanna Thornell hails from Andrews, S.C., and attended Andrews High School, where she graduated salutatorian of her class. While attending Coastal Carolina as an information technology major, she has earned a spot on the President’s List for four semesters and a spot on the Dean’s List for one semester. Thornell is enrolled in the Degree in Three program, and she is attending Coastal Carolina on the Presidential Scholarship and the S.C. Palmetto Fellows Scholarship. She will be graduating with summa cum laude honors in May. In her senior capstone course, she worked with two fellow students to implement a Web Stack on Alpine Linux. Upon graduation, Thornell plans to pursue a career in web development.

ENGINEERING SCIENCE

Julianna Davis

Julianna Davis (they/she) has made the President’s List for nearly every semester attending CCU. They are an engineering science major and applied mathematics minor and will graduate as part of the HTC Honors program. They have assisted with department research for five semesters and hope to attend graduate school in a Ph.D. program and continue doing research in a national lab, focusing on renewable energy and sustainability. Davis also plans on presenting their most recent work in radiation transport simulation to the American Nuclear Society Student Conference in 2023.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Tiffani McNeil

Tiffani McNeil hails from Guston, Ky., and is graduating as a double major in marine science and languages and intercultural studies. Last year, she was awarded a scholarship to complete a semester abroad in Taipei, Taiwan. McNeil is completing her second student research project with Professor Lauren Stefaniak. Her work includes DNA barcoding of ascidian samples from Belize and dissection of the samples under a microscope. She has presented her research at the National Benthic Ecology Conference and the CCU Research Symposium. After graduation, she will be employed as a lab technician applying her molecular taxonomy skills in the medical field. Her long-term goal is to work overseas, combining both her Mandarin Chinese skills and her marine molecular ecology skills.

PSYCHOLOGY

Nikki Boon

Nikki Boon is from Dronten, a town in the Netherlands. Boon is a psychology major with a behavioral neuroscience concentration and a minor in applied mathematics. She is also a member of the CCU track and field/cross country team. She has worked as a research assistant
DEPARTMENTAL AWARD RECIPIENTS

with Professor Ryan Yoder, studying the effects of early hypoxia on the exploratory movements of adult leopard geckos. Her work on this project resulted in presentations at the CCU Undergraduate Research Competition, the Midwestern Psychological Association, and the Society for Neuroscience. Boon was named to the President's List seven times during her studies at CCU. After graduation, she plans to pursue a Ph.D. in neuroscience.

WOMEN’S AND GENDER STUDIES
Brianne Mack-Bingham
Brianne Mack-Bingham hails from Frankfort, Ky., and is graduating with a double major in political science and women's and gender studies. While at Coastal Carolina University, she has been on the President’s List and a member of the Philosophy Honors Society and Triota Honors Society. Mack-Bingham was also a Jackson Scholar, President’s Scholar, and a United Nations RISE (Resilience, Innovation and Sustainability through Education) intern. Following graduation, she will be working in Ketchikan, Alaska, for a local business until the fall.

SUSTAINABILITY AND COASTAL RESILIENCE
Katelyn Cilino
Katelyn Cilino is from Myrtle Beach, S.C., and is graduating summa cum laude earning a bachelor's degree in sustainability and coastal resilience with a concentration in science and ecosystems and a minor in environmental science. During her time at CCU, Cilino has been an EcoRep for Sustain Coastal, a member of Sigma Sigma Sigma, founding president of the Sustainability Club (2022-2023) and served on the Green Team for Sustain Coastal. She was a resident adviser (2020-2022) as well as an orientation leader (2021). Her accomplishments include the President’s List (2019-2022), serving as a Dyer Fellow (2023), and RA Mentor of the Year (2022). She is a recipient of the Dean’s Excellence Scholarship, CCU Alumni Association Endowed Scholarship, South Carolina LIFE Scholarship and South Carolina Scholars Award. Cilino is applying for a variety of careers like sustainability coordinator or consultant. She plans to apply for her teaching certification upon graduation to become a high school science teacher. Her goal is to become president of sustainability operations for a business and/or start her own company.

SPADONI COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
Ph.D. IN EDUCATION
Kristy Floyd
Kristy Floyd is a Marine Corps veteran from Crossville, Tenn., and a graduate of Cumberland County High School. She completed her Ph.D. research in curriculum, instruction, and assessment with Professor Suzanne Horn, studying the relationship between professional capital, adaptability, and job satisfaction of secondary science teachers. Floyd is a member of Kappa Delta Pi and was the inaugural winner of Coastal Carolina University’s 3-Minute Thesis (3MT) Competition. She represented CCU at the 3MT Conference of Southern Graduate Schools. She plans to continue teaching high school science, publishing her ongoing research, and designing online science courses.

MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING
John Smith
John Smith is a native of Cheraw, S.C., and is working on his fourth college degree. Upon graduating from Cheraw High School, he completed a B.S. in physics from Francis Marion University in 2007, then earned a M.S. in meteorology in 2010 from Florida State University. For over 12 years, Smith worked professionally as a broadcast meteorologist in Albuquerque, N.M., and Myrtle Beach, S.C. He returned to Francis Marion University to complete a B.S. in mathematics in 2022. Over the course of his academic career, Smith has been inducted into several academic honor societies, including Phi Kappa Phi, Sigma Pi Sigma, Kappa Mu Epsilon, and Kappa Delta Pi. Upon graduation from CCU, Smith plans to serve as a high school math teacher in Horry County.

MASTER OF EDUCATION IN EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP
Kimberlyn Mendez
Kimberlyn Mendez is originally from Kinston, N.C., but calls Conway, S.C., home. She received her undergraduate degree in special education from East Carolina University. Mendez has been nominated as the building-level Teacher of the Year three times and earned her National Board Certification while working with Horry County Schools. Mendez is the instructional coach for Aynor High School. Upon graduating, Mendez plans to continue her work with the educational leadership team of Aynor High School.
DEPARTMENTAL AWARD RECIPIENTS

**Master of Education in Instructional Technology**

**Angélica Rainwater**

Originally from Chicago, Ill., Angélica Rainwater is a first grade Spanish language immersion teacher in Florence, S.C., and was voted teacher of the year in 2021. She earned her Bachelor of Science in early childhood education from Francis Marion University, where she was awarded the Thomas W. Sills Memorial Award in Early Childhood Education. She decided to pursue a master’s degree in instructional technology at CCU to prioritize the use of technology in education. At CCU, she also earned a certificate in online teaching and training. After graduation, she plans to continue designing technology-rich lessons in math, science, and social studies that empower, engage, and prepare students.

She has also presented and exhibited her artwork across several platforms. Upon graduation, Basyari began her teaching career in Vicksburg, Miss., in 2016. During this time, she co-led her school to become the first Leader in Me Lighthouse middle school in Mississippi. During her seven years of service in public schools, Basyari has taught art to all grade levels (K-12) as well as special education inclusion. She resides in Seneca, S.C., with her husband (Joel) and their infant daughter (Ellie) and teaches elementary art. Basyari plans to continue serving students in the art classroom as an advocate for special education and inclusion.

**Master of Education in Language, Literacy, and Culture**

**Chris Bonanny**

Chris Bonanny is originally from Wilkes Barre, Pa., and attended high school at Milton Hershey School, where they graduated as a member of the National Honor Society in 2016. They completed a Bachelor of Science in elementary and special education with a minor in psychology at Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania, graduating summa cum laude in 2020. Bonanny began working as a special education teacher in 2020 and is employed with Horry County Schools. They plan to pursue further study towards a doctoral degree in education after graduating.

**Master of Education in Special Education**

**Jessica Basyari**

Jessica Basyari, originally from Caledonia, Miss., was a 2015 magna cum laude graduate in fine arts from Mississippi State University, where she was a student-athlete on the track and field and cross country teams as well as a member of the Shackouls Honors College. She was awarded both the Bulldog Honor Roll in 2014 and the SEC Academic-Athletic Honor Roll for three years consecutively, as well as SEC Freshman Academic Excellence in 2012. In addition, she was selected by MSU coaches to represent their female student-athletes on the SEC Track and Field Community Service Team for exceptional service efforts.

She has also presented and exhibited her artwork across several platforms. Upon graduation, Basyari began her teaching career in Vicksburg, Miss., in 2016. During this time, she co-led her school to become the first Leader in Me Lighthouse middle school in Mississippi. During her seven years of service in public schools, Basyari has taught art to all grade levels (K-12) as well as special education inclusion. She resides in Seneca, S.C., with her husband (Joel) and their infant daughter (Ellie) and teaches elementary art. Basyari plans to continue serving students in the art classroom as an advocate for special education and inclusion.

**Anthropology and Geography**

**Hannah Truman**

Hannah Truman hails from Little River, S.C. Truman has completed her Associate of Science degree and is now completing her bachelor’s degree in anthropology and geography at Coastal Carolina University. She is a member of the Anthropology and Geography Club. Truman will be attending the Johns Island Field School in the summer of 2023, in which she will work on the preservation of historic African American sites, and will be attending Clemson’s Historic Preservation master’s program in the fall of 2023. She received a fellowship from Clemson for the program. Truman has achieved the President’s List for four semesters and the Dean’s List for four semesters. Her research has focused on the preservation of Horry County, and she has worked with the Horry County Historic Preservation Commission to document grave sites. Truman has earned multiple scholarships, including S.C. Life Scholarship, Federal SEOG, and Coastal Transfer Scholar Award.

**Criminal Justice**

**Jacqueline Badillo**

Jaqueline Badillo was born in Los Angeles, Calif. She moved to Myrtle Beach, S.C., in 2013 and is a Carolina Forest High School graduate. She joined the South Carolina Army National Guard after high school and decided to attend CCU in Fall 2019. She has been on the Dean’s List for five consecutive semesters and the
President’s List for two consecutive semesters. She is a part of the Army ROTC program, Social Justice Club, and Sociology/Criminology Club and is actively involved in her community as a volunteer soccer coach at Socastee High School.

Mary Morgan

Coming from Gaffney, S.C., Mary Morgan came to Coastal Carolina with the goal in mind of earning her degree in middle level education and going on to become a math and science middle school teacher. She would do so with high academic standing, making the President’s List for seven semesters during her studies. Morgan did all of this while also holding executive positions in both Teaching Fellows and the Coastal Elasmobranch Society. She plans on teaching seventh and eighth grade math in Horry County Schools.

Gabriella Dintino

Gabriella Dintino, from Powhatan, Va., will graduate from CCU with a Bachelor of Arts in early childhood education. She is a member of the Chi Omega Fraternity and serves as leader of the Friend’s Club at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Conway. A Degree in Three student, Dintino received the Presidential Scholarship and has been recognized as a member of the President’s List every semester since arriving at CCU. She has also served as a mentor in the Dalton and Linda Floyd Family Mentoring Program. After graduation, Dintino will pursue her teaching career in Horry County Schools. She plans to pursue her master’s degree in language and literacy.

Alexa Passamonti

Alexa Passamonti is from Toms River, N.J., and came to CCU in 2019. She has been in the elementary education program since her junior year of college. She has achieved Dean’s List in all semesters except one in which she earned President’s List. She has been a part of Alpha Xi Delta since her first semester and has held a leadership position while being a member. Passamonti was inducted into the Kappa Delta Pi fraternity, an education honors society. After graduation, she plans on moving to St. Augustine Beach, Fla., and taking a second grade position in a local elementary school while pursuing a master’s degree.

Callie Bryant

Callie Bryant is from Marion, S.C., and is a South Carolina Teaching Fellow. Bryant has been a part of the South Carolina Army National Guard, Physical Education Teacher Education Club, and Reserve Officer Training Corps. She has made the Dean’s List for three semesters and the President’s List for four semesters. After graduation, Bryant will be teaching in Marion County School District in her hometown at North Mullins Primary School and McCormick Elementary School. She also will be continuing her military service as an engineer officer in the North Carolina Army National Guard.

Margaret Shoop

Margaret Shoop, from Massillon, Ohio, will be graduating from CCU with a Bachelor of Science in marine science, a Bachelor of Arts in political science, a Bachelor of Arts in languages and intercultural studies, a minor in Asian studies, and a minor in applied mathematics. Shoop was the recipient of the Taiwanese Ministry of Education Huayu Enrichment Scholarship for Chinese language study in Taiwan. Shoop was also an Intercultural Language Resource Center Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Fellow, as well as a Jackson Scholar through the Jackson Family Center for Ethics and Values. Following graduation, Shoop will be attending graduate school for energy and environmental policy.
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SOCIOLGY
Adonya Pertell
Adonya Pertell hails from North Myrtle Beach, S.C. While at Coastal Carolina, she was named to the President’s List seven semester and the Dean’s List one semester. Pertell was a Research Fellow with the Spadoni College of Education and Social Sciences in 2021-2022. She was named the 2022 Carolina Undergraduate Social Science Symposium winner for her research. Pertell has been part of the Jackson Scholars program’s 2021-2023 cohort and is a member of the National Society of Leadership and Success, Triota Honor Society, the Incarcerated V.O.I.C.E Advisory Board, and the HTC Honors College. Pertell’s honors thesis, titled “Student Survival: Sleep and Social Parameters During a Pandemic,” was presented at the 2021 Undergraduate Research Competition. During her time at Coastal, she was heavily involved in many clubs and organizations, including being co-president of Social Justice Club, a member of the Sociology and Criminology Club, Women of Color, and NAACP. After graduation, Pertell plans to continue her education in hopes of becoming a lawyer or professor of law.

MASTER OF ARTS IN LIBERAL STUDIES
Richard Anderson
Richard Anderson was raised in Detroit, Mich., and graduated from CCU with a B.A. in political science with a focus in global politics. His interdisciplinary graduate studies combine academic perspectives from both political science and history. Anderson recently presented his paper, “A Vision of a Multipolar World: Jiang Zemin and Hu Jintao,” at the South Carolina Political Science Association conference. Beyond his studies, Anderson actively participates in the CCU men’s club rugby team. After receiving his master’s degree, Anderson plans to pursue a doctorate and hopes to become a Foreign Service Officer.

THOMAS W. AND ROBIN W. EDWARDS COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND FINE ARTS

MASTER OF ARTS IN COMMUNICATION
Oscar McConnell
Hailing from London, United Kingdom, Oscar McConnell arrived at Coastal Carolina University in Fall 2021 and has since achieved the Dean’s List for three semesters and the President’s List for one semester. McConnell represented the Coastal Carolina men’s soccer team and was named to the All-Conference USA team. His capstone research thesis focused on the persuasion factors that influence steroid use in gyms. After graduation, McConnell plans to begin a career in sales.

MASTER OF ARTS IN MUSIC TECHNOLOGY
Dani Gainey
Dani Gainey hails from Darlington, S.C., and received a Bachelor of Music in commercial music from Anderson University. While at CCU, she has been named to the President’s List each of her four semesters. After graduating, Gainey plans to expand upon her experiences as a graduate teaching associate and continue mentoring students within the industry of music technology.

MASTER OF ARTS IN WRITING
Emma Streberger
Since joining CCU’s Master of Arts in Writing program in the fall of 2021, Emma Streberger has taught several sections of first-year composition, completed an internship as a digital humanities writer and editor for the Collaborative Organization for Virtual Education, served as the creative nonfiction assistant editor for Waccamaw, and represented the MAW program at the Association of Writers and Writing Programs Conference. This fall, Streberger will be joining the writing, rhetorics, and literacies doctoral program at Arizona State University.

SPECIAL EDUCATION
Teresa Antunes
Teresa Antunes is a special education major, originally from Fairfield, N.J. She will be graduating magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts in special education (multi-categorical). She is a member of Council for Exceptional Children, where she served as secretary from 2022-2023. She is also a member and vice president of Student-South Carolina Education Association. Antunes was awarded the Coastal Choice academic scholarship for all four years that she attended the University and the TEACH Grant for the past two years. She has been recognized on the Dean’s List for one semester and has been on President’s List for five semesters. After graduation, Antunes will pursue her teaching career in New Jersey. Once getting settled, she will continue her education towards becoming a board-certified behavior analyst.

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ART HISTORY AND VISUAL ART
Ava Starnes
Ava Starnes, from Florence, S.C., is earning a Bachelor of Arts in art history and a B.F.A. in visual art. During her four years at CCU, she has been a regular on the President’s and Dean’s lists, was a recipient of the Martha Baker Thomas Endowed Scholarship, was treasurer of CHROMA, and worked on the Rebecca Randall Bryan Art Gallery staff. She has exhibited her work in the PeeDee Regional Art Competition, CCU’s first and second annual juried student exhibitions, and the Coastal Carolina Cube Galleries. Starnes’ work was published in the 2022 Archarios Literary Art Magazine. She was commissioned by Conway Downtown Alive to design and execute a mural on the corner of 3rd Avenue and Laurel Street. Following graduation, Starnes plans to pursue a Master of Fine Arts in painting.

COMMUNICATION
Dyneira Brown
A communication major with a concentration in interactive journalism and a minor in marketing, Dyneira Brown is from Round O, S.C. During her time at Coastal Carolina University, Brown served as captain of the Chanticleer Regiment colorguard, a peer leader for University Advising, a member of the Edwards Research Fellows, and a member of the Edwards Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Student Advisory Committee. In addition, Brown served as a reporter for The Chanticleer newspaper, a writing intern for Her Campus Media, and a show host for WCCU Radio. Brown is a part of the HTC Honors program and has been named to the President’s and Dean’s Lists for several semesters. She received the Teal Scholar Award and the Edwards Board of Visitors Annual Scholarship. Brown plans to pursue a graduate degree in journalism and eventually have a career in the media field.

ENGLISH
Evelyn Scott
With a concentration in composition, rhetoric, and linguistics, Evelyn Scott has explored and contributed to various discourses, including disability studies and gender studies, to amplify the voices of marginalized communities. Furthermore, as a writer for the English Corner, she’s interviewed countless faculty, students, and alums and shared their unique experiences. Upon graduation, she aims to connect with others, get their stories out there, and contribute some of her own.

DIGITAL CULTURE AND DESIGN
Leslie Shattuck
Hailing from Bristol, N.H., Leslie Shattuck is graduating from CCU with a degree in digital culture and design with a film and production studies minor, funded by both a Chanticleer Grant and a Pell Grant. Every semester, she’s made either the Dean’s List or the President’s List and, in addition to her studies, has worked as the manager of the men’s club volleyball team. She has also worked as a social media and design intern for the English department and DCD program. After graduation, Shattuck plans to pursue a career in the film industry.

GRAPHIC DESIGN
Tiera Rivers
Tiera Rivers transferred to CCU from her hometown of Lexington, S.C., in 2020. Rivers achieved the President’s List for two semesters, the Dean’s List for three semesters, and has earned an Edwards Board of Visitors Annual Scholarship and a Coastal Carolina University Alumni Association Endowed Scholarship. As the art director of The Chanticleer newspaper since Fall 2022, Rivers determines the artistic elements and overall design layout prior to publication. Upon graduation, she plans to start her graphic design career through professional internships by using the skills she learned during her time at the University.
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**HISTORY**
Valentina Bermejo
Valentina Bermejo is originally from Myrtle Beach, S.C. At Coastal Carolina, she has studied history and language and intercultural studies with a concentration in Hispanic studies (double major). She is a member of Phi Alpha Theta and Sigma Delta Pi. She has made the President's List every semester and received awards for Spanish Student of the Year and History Senior Student of the Year. She is a Teal Scholar and receives a work-study scholarship for her time as a tutor at the Intercultural Language Resource Center. Upon graduation, she plans to apply her passion and commitment for social justice and advocacy by attending law school.

**INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES**
Ola Louisa Watson
Ola Louisa Watson lives in Pawleys Island, S.C. Majoring in interdisciplinary studies, she has combined coursework in sociology, political science, and history. Watson is a member of Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society, and she has been on the President's List in each of her full-time semesters. Following graduation, Watson is considering pursuing a master's degree in liberal studies and plans to continue her work as an advocate for local human services nonprofit organizations.

**INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES, B.S.I.S.**
Jordan Roballo
Jordan Roballo is from the small town of Waseca, Minn. She is an interdisciplinary studies major, concentrating in marine biology and conservation. She was a member of Coastal Sea Turtle Club during her first two years at Coastal Carolina University and has assisted Professor Derek Crane in data analysis on a research project. Roballo earned a place on the Dean's List four times, the President's List twice, and, because of her outstanding academic achievement, has received the Coastal Scholar Award throughout her time at Coastal Carolina. She will be graduating magna cum laude. After graduation, she will intern with Sharklife Conservation Group in Sodwana Bay, South Africa, and has plans to work with AIS as a fisheries observer before attending graduate school.

**LANGUAGES AND INTERCULTURAL STUDIES**
Margaret "Megan" Shoop
Hailing from Massillon, Ohio, Megan Shoop is a triple major in languages and intercultural studies, marine science, and political science, with minors in Asian studies and applied mathematics. This May, she will earn a B.A. in languages and intercultural studies with focus on Mandarin Chinese and Arabic. Among her accomplishments in language study, Shoop has received two prestigious international scholarships for Chinese, completed a semester in Taiwan, served as a Coastal Intelligence Brief and Intercultural Languages Resource Center fellow, and worked as a Chinese tutor. Shoop plans to attend graduate school with a specialty where she can apply all of her abilities and interests.

**INTELLIGENCE AND NATIONAL SECURITY STUDIES**
Kristian Nesheim
Kristian Nesheim, from Ashburn, Va., is the Intelligence and Security Studies Department Senior of the Year. A student who has regularly made the President's List and the Dean’s List, Nesheim also worked with a faculty member on a research project that he presented at an international-level intelligence conference. Nesheim serves as a member of the executive board of the Chanticleer Intelligence Brief and as a member of the Women in Intelligence and National Security student organization. Outside of the department, Nesheim has assisted freshmen students by serving as a Peer Leader. After graduation, Nesheim hopes to pursue a career in the U.S. intelligence community.

**MUSIC**
Samuel Hickman
Samuel Hickman, a Conway, S.C. native, is finishing his bachelor of arts degree in commercial music and jazz. Over the course of his studies, he has been in several Coastal Carolina music ensembles, including the jazz combo, jazz big band, and world percussion ensemble. Hickman has appeared on the President’s List and the Dean’s List while at Coastal Carolina, as well as earning a President's Scholar Award and South Carolina Life Scholarship Award. After graduation, Hickman plans to continue his studies at the graduate level.
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MUSIC EDUCATION

Joshua Hackley
A music education major from La Plata, Md., Joshua Hackley has remained on the President’s List since his first semester at CCU. He has held many leadership positions within the music department, including student director of choirs, vice president of CCU Choirs, treasurer of CCU NAfME, choral librarian, and student assistant. He is also involved in many collegiate and professional organizations, including the Kappa Delta Pi Education Honor Society, the National Association for Music Education, and the American Choral Directors Association. He also taught music at the Coastal Carolina Early Childhood Development and Literacy Center. After graduation, Hackley will complete a summer internship at the renowned Interlochen Arts Camp in Interlochen, Mich., as an ensemble librarian, and will begin his career teaching high school choir in August.

PHILOSOPHY

James Lundie
James “Jim” Lundie embodies the ideals of higher education—exploring and opening one’s mind to new ideas. A USAF combat veteran, he has traveled and read broadly. He has regularly attended Philosophy Club events and continues conversations about philosophy at every opportunity with classmates, professors, and friends. As a sociology minor, he participated in community programs with faculty in that department. After graduation, he wants to continue to explore ideas, broaden his mind, and be an active member of the intellectual community.

THEATRE ARTS (B.F.A.)

Cooper McGill
Cooper McGill hails from Grovetown, Ga. Since arriving at CCU, McGill has been an instrumental leader of and participant in the Inclusive Theatre Group, a student organization on campus that offers opportunities for people with diverse abilities to participate in theatre activities. In addition, he has volunteered for Project Lighthouse, a community organization that advocates to end youth homelessness in Horry County. McGill also has participated with Baptist Collegiate Ministry and BUD Ministries, and he has spent the last several years as a resident advisor with Campus Housing. From 2019-2020, McGill proudly served as the college mascot, Chauncey the Chanticleer, including donning the teal feathers several times a week to lift school spirit during the COVID-19 pandemic. Following graduation, he plans to move to New York City and pursue his dreams in theatre, television, and film.

THEATRE (B.A.)

Alexa Castro-Giovanni
Alexa Castro-Giovanni hails from West End, N.C. She has been a part of many organizations in her time at Coastal Carolina University, including Tap Club, Upstage, Dance Club, and Alpha Psi Omega. Castro-Giovanni works annually with the Out of the Darkness Walk, which advocates for breaking the mental health stigmas. This year, Castro-Giovanni was the initiator and director for the Discovery Series performances of The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time, an entirely student-led production that explored the sensory experiences of a neuro-divergent individual. After graduation, she plans to pursue a professional apprenticeship program with a regional theatre company.

VISUAL COMMUNICATION DESIGN

Jay Orcutt
Jay Orcutt, from Southampton, Mass., is earning his B.F.A. in visual communication design. In his four years at CCU, he achieved Dean’s List, placed first in a juried showcase, and was president of CHROMA, the University’s art and design organization. During Summer 2022, Orcutt was selected for a competitive internship at High Alpha Innovation and also explored the rich culture of Italy during Coastal Carolina’s Maymester study abroad program at Arezzo’s Accademia dell’Arte. Based on a competitive concept and design process, Orcutt was selected to represent the Edwards College at an international conference in Mainz, Germany. After graduation, Orcutt intends to pursue a design career in the corporate cosmetic industry.
The HTC Honors College congratulates its students graduating with University Honors. Each student has completed a rigorous curriculum consisting of at least 24 credit hours of honors courses while maintaining at least a cumulative GPA of 3.5. Each honors student also completes a final honors thesis or project, which is presented in a public forum, such as a conference. Congratulations to the class of 2023!

Sarah Abel
Sarah Abel, from Matawan, N.J., is a marine science major with a biology minor. While at the University, she was named to the President’s List and Dean’s List and was awarded the Presidential Scholarship. Abel’s honors thesis included sand biogeochemistry research and was presented at the 2023 Honors Symposium. After graduation, she plans to work as an aquarist.

Alyssa Antolak
Alyssa Antolak is a marine science major with a minor in biology from Deer Park, Wis. While at Coastal Carolina, she was the president of Aqua League, the University’s scuba diving club, for two years. Antolak was consistently named to the President’s and Dean’s Lists every semester. She did a research internship abroad in the Faroe Islands under Professor Russel Fielding from the HTC Honors College and presented her honors thesis, titled “Seasonal Fluctuation of Nutrients That Lead to Microcystic Bloom Development in Wall Pond, Coastal Carolina University,” at the Undergraduate Research Competition. After graduation, she plans to pursue graduate studies in marine snow to obtain her Ph.D. at Texas A&M Galveston.

Nicholas Aversano
Nicholas Aversano is a corporate finance major from Crofton, Md. While at CCU, he was named to both the President’s and Dean’s Lists and was awarded the Coastal Scholar Award. He is the vice president of finance and Collegian of the Year of Delta Sigma Pi, a peer mentor, resident adviser, a member of the Student Executive Leaders program, and Omicron Delta Kappa Honors Society. After graduation, Aversano is pursuing his MBA before working in the banking industry.

Jacey Ballard
Jacey Ballard, from Harrison Township, Mich., is a marine science major with a Spanish minor. While at the University, she was named to both the President’s and the Dean’s Lists and awarded the Coastal Carolina University Presidential Scholarship. Ballard is the president of Women in STEM Club, a member of Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Honors Society, the National Society of Leadership and Success, and was inducted into Sigma Delta Pi National Hispanic Honors Society. Her honors thesis, titled “Suboxic and anaerobic respiration, across a sandy-shore-to estuarine gradient,” was presented at the Honors Symposium. After graduation, she plans to explore a career path in marine conservation and research.

Brianna Barnes
Brianna Barnes, from Rockville, Md., has a dual degree in management and marketing with a minor in psychology. While at Coastal Carolina, she was consistently named to the President’s and Dean’s Lists. She was awarded the President’s Scholar Award, University Scholar Award, Dean’s Excellence Scholarship for out of state students, E. Craig Wall Sr. College of Business BOV Endowed Scholarship, and the Holmes Murphy Fraternal Scholarship. Barnes served as operations vice president in 2022 for Panhellenic Executive Board and as finance vice president in 2022 for Alpha Delta Pi Executive Board; she is also a member of Order of Omega Greek Honor Society, Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Honor Society, CCU’s National Society of Leadership and Success, and senior consulting associate for WCOB CoBE Institute. After graduation, she plans to pursue her master’s degree at Coastal Carolina as part of the Get More in Four program.

Madeline Bartosh
Madeline Bartosh, from Pittsburgh, Pa., is a psychology major with forensic concentration and a biology minor. While at Coastal, she was named to the President’s and Dean’s Lists and was awarded the Presidential Scholarship. She is a member and served as the secretary for the Honors Student Council. Bartosh’s honors thesis, titled “The Effects of Stress and the Own-Race Bias on Eyewitness Identification Accuracy,” was presented at the Undergraduate Research Competition. After graduation, she plans to take a break before pursuing a graduate degree in either psychology or biology.

Abigail Beaty
Abigail Beaty, from Jamestown, Tenn., is a marine science major and religious studies minor. While at Coastal Carolina University, she was named to both the President’s and the Dean’s Lists, served as co-president of the Baptist Collegiate Ministry, and was nominated for the Ronald D. Lackey Service Award. Beaty’s honors thesis, titled “The Influence of
Sex Ratios on the Foraging and Waving Behaviors of Fiddler Crabs in the South Carolina Low Country,” was presented at the Southeastern Estuarine Research Society. After graduation, she will be working in her new job of cultural exchange work in ESL and international studies with various overseas schools and universities.

**Kynda Beckett**

Kynda Beckett is a graphic design major from Columbia, S.C. While at Coastal Carolina, she was consistently named to both the President’s and the Dean’s Lists. She was awarded the Greenview Scholarship from her local community, the S.C. Life Scholarship, the President’s Scholarship Award, and the Emily and Ellsworth Austin Educational Trust Scholarship. Beckett’s honors thesis is titled “Reflections of a Graphic Designer.” After graduation, she plans to pursue a career in digital illustration and design.

**Jacob Berrocal**

Jacob Berrocal is a marine science major with photography minor from Dumont, N.J. While at Coastal Carolina, he was part of the pioneer leadership team of the African American Initiative for Men, was named to both the President’s and the Dean’s Lists, and a marine science department tutor. Berrocal’s thesis, titled “Seasonal length-biomass relationships for juvenile Spot (Leiostomus xanthurus),” was presented at the Undergraduate Research Competition. After graduation, he plans to take a gap year, during which he will be doing internships and looking forward to pursuing graduate school in Fall 2024.

**Kelly Bretones**

Kelly Bretones, from Linwood, N.J., is a sociology major with a criminology concentration and a minor in psychology with a forensic concentration. While at Coastal Carolina, she was named to both the President’s and the Dean’s Lists. Bretones is working as a peer mentor in the First Year Experience courses. Her honors thesis, titled “Deviant Behavior in the Public Eye,” will be presented to her senior thesis class. After graduation, she plans to pursue graduate studies in behavioral psychology.

**Abigail Brown**

Abigail Brown is a hospitality, resort, and tourism management major with a women’s and gender studies minor from Tega Cay, S.C. She is the travel and teambuilding officer and the interim transition officer for the Wall Fellows program. Brown was the vice president of chapter operations and the faculty and staff chair of the Delta Sigma Pi Fraternity. After graduation, she plans to do concert and event planning as her career.

**Dyneira Brown**

Dyneira Brown from Round O, S.C., is a communication major with a concentration in interactive journalism and minor in marketing. During her time in Coastal Carolina, she was named to both the President’s and the Dean’s Lists and was awarded the Teal Scholar Award and the Edwards COHFA BOV Annual Scholarship. Brown served as captain of the Chanticleer Regiment colorguard and a peer leader for University Advising. She served on the Edwards Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Student Advisory Committee and the Edwards Research Fellows. After graduation, Brown plans to pursue a graduate degree in journalism and eventually have a career in media.

**Cheyenne Butler**

Cheyenne Butler is a biochemistry major and a psychology minor from Conway, S.C. While at the University, she was named to the Dean’s List and was awarded the President’s Scholar Award, the S.C. Palmetto Fellows Enhancement, and the CCU Palmetto Scholarship. After graduation, Butler plans to attend medical school.

**Kayla Butts**

Kayla Butts is a psychology major from Myrtle Beach, S.C. While at Coastal Carolina University, she was named to the President’s and Dean’s Lists. Butts is a member of Omicron Delta Kappa, the National Leadership Honors Society. Following graduation, she is entering the M.A.T. program at the University.
Delaney Carone
Delaney Carone is an elementary education major from Hillsborough, N.J. While at Coastal Carolina University, she was named to the President’s List and was awarded the University Scholar Award and the Coastal Scholar Award. Carone’s honors thesis, titled, “How Modeling Supports Students’ Learning of Energy Concepts,” is published by the National Science Teaching Association to be included in their journal, Science and Children. She was the vice president of the Honors Student Council and was an active member of the Dalton and Linda Floyd Family Mentoring Program and the Coastal Carolina Surf Club. After graduation, Carone plans on pursuing a career as an elementary school teacher.

Lauren Carroll
Lauren Carroll is a marine science major from Cincinnati, Ohio. While at the University, she was named to both the President’s and the Dean’s Lists. She is a member of Coastal’s Elasmobranch Society and Beta Beta Beta (TriBeta) National Biology Honors Society. Carroll received Teal Scholar and University Scholar awards. Her honors thesis is titled “Patterns and Differences in Cordgrass, Spartobolus alterniflora, Morphology.” After graduation, she plans to increase her field experience before pursuing graduate studies in marine science.

Alexa Castro-Giovanni
Alexa Castro-Giovanni, from West End, N.C., is a theatre major with a photography minor. While at Coastal Carolina, she was consistently named to the President’s List. Castro-Giovanni received the Sara Sanders Humanitarian Award and was awarded Student of the Year by the Department of Theatre in 2021. She directed Coastal Carolina’s production of The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time as part of her honors thesis. After graduation, she plans on pursuing a career in performing arts.

Addison Clary
Addison Clary, from Cornelius, N.C., is a dual degree student majoring in hospitality, resort, and tourism management and management decision studies, with a minor in international business and management with a concentration in entrepreneurship. While at Coastal Carolina University, she was named to the President’s List and the Dean’s List. She is a member of Professor Drew Budner’s research group on the fermentation of beverages. Clary is a Presidential Ambassador and served on the executive board for the CINO Quest program. After graduation, she plans to work within the cruise industry.

Hannah Clegg
Hannah Clegg, from New Mexico, is an intelligence and security studies major with minors in global studies, Russia and Eurasian studies, and Middle Eastern studies. She was named the Intelligence Security Studies senior in May. Clegg has served in leadership positions in the Chanticleer Intelligence Brief and Women in Intelligence and National Security, and ran a student intelligence newspaper called WIB for two years. Her most recent research was presented at the International Studies Association Northeast Conference.

Jett Conklin
Jett Conklin, from Port Jervis, N.Y., is an intelligence and national security studies major. While at Coastal Carolina, he was named to both the President’s and the Dean’s lists. He is a member of the Coastal Carolina University chapter of the Order of the Sword and Shield and the National Intelligence and Security Studies Honors Fraternity. After graduation, Conklin plans to pursue a career in federal law enforcement.

Jonah Collins
Jonah Collins, from Simpsonville, S.C., is a physical theatre major dedicated to creating art that expresses truth in a way irreplaceable by any other medium than theatre. Collins studied abroad at the Accademia dell’arte in Arezzo, Italy, during his junior year and crafted a myriad of works, including 10-minute devised ensemble pieces, feature-length solo plays, commedia dell’arte adaptions, and Shakespeare. After graduation, Collins hopes to continue to create and perform theatre that changes the way people view the world.

Tyler Cutaia
Tyler Cutaia, from Bay Shore, N.Y., is a double major in biology and psychology with minors in chemistry and medical humanities. While at Coastal Carolina, he was named to the President’s List and the Dean’s List, and he was awarded the Gupta of Science Dean’s Excellence Award. Cutaia has been president of the Beta Beta Beta National Biological Honor Society for a year and vice president as a well and was one of the founding members for the American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. After graduation, he plans to pursue a career in the medical field.

Mia Dattoli
Mia Dattoli, from Cherryville, N.C., is a management major with an international specialization and a pre-law minor. While at Coastal Carolina, she was named to the Dean’s List each semester and was active with her sorority, Alpha Xi Delta. After graduation, Dattoli hopes to gain experience in law before committing to law school.
Julianna Davis
Julianna Davis is an engineering science major with a minor in applied mathematics from Carmel, N.Y. While at the University, she was named to the President’s List and the Dean’s List, was awarded the S.C. Palmetto Fellows Scholarship, led the Coastal Charge project for two semesters, conducted research with the Department of Physics and Engineering, and served as the treasurer for Coastal Carolina University’s PRIDE Club. Davis’ honors thesis, titled “Leipzig Applicator Dose Study Progress and Mesh Computational Phantoms,” was presented at the Undergraduate Research Competition and at the American Nuclear Society Conference. After graduation, she plans to attend a Ph.D. program in engineering science and conduct research as a renewable energy engineer.

Georgia Dellinger
Georgia Dellinger is a marine science major from Lincolnton, N.C. While at Coastal Carolina, she was named to both the President’s and the Dean’s Lists, was an AIMS student, and has been awarded the Presidential Scholarship. Dellinger was accepted to attend the Field Methods in Oceanographic Data Analysis Maymester at the Scottish Marine Institute, and was awarded the Gupta College of Science Study Abroad Scholarship and the HTC Honors College Global Engagement Award to help fund this trip. Her honors thesis, titled “Anthropogenic Floating Debris Accumulation in Estuarine Systems,” was presented at the Undergraduate Research Competition and at the Geological Society of America’s Joint Southeastern and Northeastern Meeting. After graduation, she plans to attend the University as a master’s student in the Coastal Marine and Wetland Studies program and was offered a graduate assistant position.

Connor Denny-Lybbert
Connor Denny-Lybbert, from West Columbia, S.C., is a political science major with a political and economic thought minor. During his time at Coastal Carolina, he was named to the President’s List and the Dean’s List, and he was a resident adviser for three years and a Dyer Fellow this past spring. Denny-Lybbert’s honors thesis, titled “Predicting Our Own Demise: How media has played Nostradamus to the future of Artificial Intelligence,” explores the potential political consequences of the continued development of artificial intelligence technologies. After graduation, he plans to take a gap year before potentially pursuing graduate studies in either law or political science.

Cindy Dinh
Cindy Dinh, from Myrtle Beach, S.C., is a public health major. While at CCU, she was named to the President’s List and the Dean’s List, and she was awarded the Ocean View Memorial Foundation Scholarship. Dinh was a LiveWell senior intern, lead specialist at CHANT411, and executive vice president of Panhellenic and PRiDE Club. Davis’ honors thesis, titled “Anthropogenic Floating Debris Accumulation in Estuarine Systems,” was presented at the Undergraduate Research Competition and at the American Nuclear Society Conference. After graduation, she plans to attend a graduate assistant position.

Clark Dotson
Clark Dotson, from Murrells Inlet, S.C., is an information systems major with a communication minor. While at the University, he was named consistently to the President’s and Dean’s Lists. He is a member of the Honors Society of Upsilon Pi Epsilon for excellence in computer science. Dotson’s honors thesis, which pulls back the curtain on the concept of data privacy and online self, is titled “Digital DNA: The Ethical Implication of Big Data as the World’s New Age Commodity.” It was presented in the Honors Symposium. He has worked with local businesses, such as Midway Fire Rescue, in setting up database applications that combine technical prowess of computing and the human aspect of collaboration. After graduation, Dotson looks forward to expanding his work in technology.

Nathan Easterling
Nathan Easterling, from Elizabeth, Ky., is a marine science major. While at the University, he was named to the Dean’s List and awarded the University Scholar Award and the Coastal Scholar Award. He was the vice president of the Honors Student Council during his freshman year and president for his last two years at Coastal. Easterling was selected to have his Maymester research paper on total coliforms published in the Korillian Journal and is finishing his degree in just three years. After graduation, Easterling is not sure what he will be doing, but he is trying to join the USCG through the officer candidate school program.
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Heath Erdos
Heath Erdos, from Pittsburgh, Pa., is a marketing major with a pre-law minor. While at Coastal Carolina, he was named to the President’s List twice and was consistently named to the Dean’s List. He is a CoBE Institute senior associate and a member of American Marketing Association. After graduation, Erdos plans on pursuing a graduate program at Coastal and going on to law school.

Hannah Flick
Hannah Flick, from Murrysville, Pa., is an intelligence and national security studies major with minors in peace and conflict studies, psychology, and Spanish. While at Coastal Carolina, she was named to both the President’s and the Dean’s Lists and was awarded Languages and Intercultural Studies Student of the Year, CIB Regional Expert Award, and Oral Intelligence Product Award. Flick was awarded the Delmar Scholarship, Coastal Scholar Award, and University Scholar Award. She presented her research at the IAFIE Conference. She interned with the Intelligence System Support Office. Her honors thesis is about the economic impact of the Belt and Road Initiative by the People’s Republic of China in Indo-Pacific countries. While she is focused on her academics, she is also a co-founder and vice president of Beach Club Volleyball, critical center director for an internship partnered with the NSA and EIA, a resident adviser, a deputy of the China Desk at CIB, a member of Omicron Delta Kappa Leadership Honors Society, a member for both Psychology and Intelligence Honor Societies, and a Young Life leader. After graduation, she plans to study in Taiwan for a year before attending Georgetown University to obtain a master’s in security studies with a specialization in military operations.

She hopes to work for the intelligence community.

Zarah Fowler
Zarah Fowler, from Anderson, S.C., is a biology major with minors in chemistry and pre-health professions. While at Coastal Carolina, she was named to the President’s List and the Dean’s List and was the recipient of the President’s Scholar Award, S.C. LIFE Scholarship, and the S.C. LIFE Enhancement Scholarship. While excelling in her academics, Fowler is also the president of Coastal Carolina women’s club volleyball team, the social media chair for TriBeta, and a member of the National Society of Leadership and Success and the American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. She participated in Coastal Carolina’s Summer Coastal Research Experience where she performed 10 weeks of research on non-coding RNA. Fowler’s honors thesis, titled “Identification of a Small Regulatory RNA UspS Associated with the Universal Stress Protein in Lactobacillus Species,” was presented at the Undergraduate Research Competition, the South Carolina Academy of Science Meeting, the S.C. INBRE Science Symposium, and the SCoRE poster session. After graduation, she plans to pursue a Ph.D. in microbiology.

Nicole Frantz
Nicole Frantz, from Port Deposit, Md., is a biochemistry major. While at Coastal Carolina, she was named to both the President’s and the Dean’s Lists and was awarded the Coastal Scholar Award and the University Scholar Award. She is a lab assistant and conducted research on Human Papilloma Virus under the supervision of Professor Paul Richardson and presented her honors thesis, titled “Developing a Safe and Effective Papilloma Screen to be used on College Students,” at the Undergraduate Research Competition. After graduation, she plans to further her education by attending PA school.

Trinity Ghering
Trinity Ghering, from Conway, S.C., is a biochemistry major with minors in art history and pre-health professions. She is a member of Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Honor Society, Tribeta National Biological Honors Society, American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, and the Swain Scholar program. Ghering, together with chemistry Professor Bryan Wakefield, conducted research on synthesizing natural product analogues to treat neurodegenerative diseases. She completed her honors thesis with Professor Stephanie Miller in the art history department, investigating the ownership of Fragonard’s painting: Blind Man’s Buff (1750–1752). Through the Swain Scholars program, she researched the prevalence and risk of eating disorders and the connection between eating disorders, social media usage, and COVID-19 anxiety. Ghering was consistently named to the President’s List. She is the recipient of the President’s Scholarship, S.C. Palmetto Fellow, the Key Scholarship, and the Kenneth E. Swain Scholarship. She plans to pursue a career in the medical field as a physician assistant or to go to medical school.

Finn Gillette
Finn Gillette, from Maywood, Ill., is a marine science major with minors in biology and women’s and gender studies. While at Coastal, Gillette has been an honors research fellow for two years with Professor Jennifer Mokos. Their research focuses on helping local communities that are prone to flooding.
Gillette was the president of Students Advocating Gender Equality (SAGE) in 2022 and a member of Triota Honors Society.

**Rebecca Harbin**  
Rebecca Harbin, from Maryville, Tenn., is a marketing major. While at Coastal Carolina, she was named to both the President’s List and the Dean’s List and was awarded the President’s Scholar Award. Harbin is on the leadership team for Baptist Collegiate Ministry and has been the co-president her senior year.

**Katherine Herrell**  
Katherine Herrell, from Hopkinsville, Ky., is a marine science major. During her time at Coastal Carolina, she was able to travel abroad for a Maymester in Jamaica, where she went diving and studied coral reefs and fishes. After graduation, she will be working at Seacamp Association as a dive instructor and marine science instructor.

**Emily Hura**  
Emily Hura, from Boardman, Ohio, is a marine science major with a human environment geography minor. While at Coastal, she was named to the President’s and the Dean’s Lists. Hura’s honors thesis, titled “Juvenile spot Leiostomus xanthurus age and growth in the tidal creek nursery habitats (North Inlet estuary, S.C.),” was presented at the Undergraduate Research Competition. After graduation, she plans on pursuing graduate studies with a focus on marine ecology.

**Kevin Joyce**  
Kevin Joyce, from Campton, N.H., is an intelligence and national security studies major with minors in Islamic studies, Middle Eastern studies, and peace and conflict studies. While at Coastal Carolina, he was the president of the International Association for Intelligence Education and was one of the first six critical mission center directors for the Applied Intelligence Analysis Internship at Coastal Carolina, which is partnered with the European Intelligence Academy based in Greece. Joyce’s honors thesis, titled “The Muslim World: Transition, Democracy, and Terrorism,” was presented at the Undergraduate Research Competition. Joyce was one of the first intelligence and national security studies majors in the competition’s history to place in the top three. After graduation, he plans to pursue more international travel to the Middle East and Central Asia to further his Arabic and other regional language studies.

**Amber Ketcham**  
Amber Ketcham, from Toms River, N.J., is a biology major. During her time at Coastal, she was named to the President’s List and the Dean’s List. Ketcham’s honors thesis is focused on the conservation of CCU’s Hackler Golf Course, which she presented to residents. After graduation, she plans to continue her education at a dental school.

**Katherine Kline**  
Katherine Kline, from Reedsville, Pa., is a marine science major with a minor in biology. While at Coastal Carolina, she was named to both the President’s and the Dean’s lists. She was the president of women’s soccer in Fall 2020 and served as vice president/spiritual coordinator and RCIA coordinator for Catholic Chants. Kline’s honors thesis is titled “Seasonal Fish Assemblage and Stability of a Coastal Stream in South Carolina.” She plans to pursue her Master of Arts in teaching at CCU and go into secondary science education.

**Meredith LaLumia**  
Meredith LaLumia, from Mooresstown, N.J., is a marine science major. During the first semester of her freshman year, she pursued an individual case study titled “Territoriality of the Atlantic Ghost Crab, Ocypode quadrata, bases on Anthropogenic Impact of Private and Public Beaches.” The study was presented at Coastal’s Undergraduate Research Competition, where she placed second, and at the Southeastern Estuarine Research Society, where she placed first. LaLumia was named an Honors Fellow and has since published her work. Outside her research, she is a member of the 500 lb. Powerlifting Club and Alpha Delta Pi, where she served on the executive board. LaLumia has worked as a Presidential Ambassador, an environmental representative through Sustain Coastal, and at Coastal’s greenhouse. In Fall 2022, she was selected to study abroad at James Cook University in Townsville, Australia, the world’s leading institution for marine science. Throughout her academic years in Coastal, LaLumia was named to both the President’s and Dean’s Lists and was awarded the President’s Scholar, University Scholar, and HTC Scholar awards. After graduation, she will be attending law school to earn her J.D. in environmental law.

**Zoe Lyons**  
Zoe Lyons, from Kailua, Hawaii, is a marine science major. She was named to the President’s and Dean’s Lists. Lyons was an Orientation Team leader, member of Phi Sigma Pi National Honor Fraternity, and was the vice president of Coastal Elasmobranch Society. Her honors thesis is titled “Ribbed Mussel Density and Distribution.” After graduation, she plans on pursuing graduate studies in marine biology.
Noelle Magann
Noelle Magann, from Chapin, S.C., is a marketing major and a sports studies minor. While at Coastal Carolina, she was named to the President’s and the Dean’s Lists and is in the Degree in Three program. She has worked for the Coastal Carolina football team for two years in recruiting and operations. Magann’s honors thesis, titled “Analysis of Collegiate Athlete Social Media Engagement on Instagram,” was presented at the 2023 AMTP conference in Hilton Head, S.C., and the Undergraduate Research Competition at CCU. She was also an Honors Fellow for the academic year 2022-2023, where she managed a project titled “The Collegiate Response to Name, Image, and Legalization” and developed programming for collegiate athletic programs in NIL education. After graduation, Magann plans to pursue graduate studies in sports management and a job in collegiate or professional athletics.

Mitchell Maguire
Mitchell Maguire, from Chesapeake, Va., is a musical theatre major. During his time at Coastal, he was named to the President’s List and the Dean’s List while balancing being in rehearsals for MainStage production each semester. In the spring of his junior year, Maguire attended the Accademia dell’ Arte in Arezzo, Italy, to study dance. After graduation, he will be returning to Italy for an artist-in-residency position or will be moving to New York City.

Breanne Mayor
Breanne Mayor, from Leonardtown, Md., is an intelligence and national security studies major with minors in political science and military science. While at Coastal Carolina, she was named to the President’s List every semester and is part of the Army ROTC. Following graduation, Mayor is commissioning into the U.S. Army as a military intelligence officer.

Hannah McCutcheon
Hannah McCutcheon, from Londonderry, N.H., is a biology major. She served as the vice president for women’s lacrosse during her sophomore year and was the president during her junior and senior years. While at Coastal Carolina, she was named to the President’s List twice and the Dean’s List four times. McCutcheon’s honors thesis, titled “Effect of lactate dehydrogenase in Alzheimer’s disease using fruit fly model,” was presented at the Undergraduate Research Competition and at the South Carolina Academy of Sciences. After graduation, she plans to gain experience as a laboratory technician before returning to school to pursue her Ph.D.

Carson Mickey
Carson Mickey, from Clayton, N.C., is a biochemistry major. While at CCU, he was named to the President’s List and the Dean’s List, was secretary of the Chemistry and Biochemistry Club, and was awarded the Chemistry Annual Scholarship. Mickey’s honors thesis, titled “Developing a community screen to detect Heartworm before it infects dogs,” was presented at the South Carolina Academy of Science. After graduation, he plans on pursuing medical school or graduate studies in chemistry.

Laura Miller
Laura Miller, from O’Fallon, Mo., is a marine science major. While at Coastal Carolina, she was consistently named to the Dean’s List and was the recipient of the Presidential Scholarship. Miller served as president and service chair in Sigma Kappa and was a member of the Order of Omega. Her honors thesis was focused on styela plicata’s condition index in relation to temperature. After graduation, she will move to Seattle, Wash., where she will be a marine mammal assistant in the U.S. Navy Marine Mammal program.

Charles Mina
Charles Mina, from Hatfield, Pa., is a marine science major and a coastal geology minor. While at Coastal Carolina University, he was consistently named to the Dean’s List. His honors thesis, titled “Identifying Overwash Deposits in a Marsh Sediment Core,” was presented at the Undergraduate Research Competition. After graduation, he plans on pursuing graduate studies in marine sciences.

Cage Mitchell
Cage Mitchell, from North Myrtle Beach, S.C., is an applied physics major with applied mathematics minor. While at Coastal Carolina, he was consistently named to the President’s List, was a Presidential Ambassador, and founded and ran the Physics and Engineering Club. Mitchell also worked as a tutor, learning assistant, research assistant, and lab assistant on the campus. He had an opportunity to study abroad in Scotland and landed an internship at NASA’s Kennedy Space Center, studying effective methods to improve plant growth in space. He is a member of Omicron Delta Kappa, the National Leadership Honors Society, and Phi Eta Sigma, and has received 13 scholarships. After graduation, he plans to take a gap year before pursuing a doctorate degree in environmental engineering.

Nora Mouer
Nora Mouer, from Mechanicsville, Va., is a marine science major with an environmental science minor and
a coastal resilience and sustainability certificate. While at CCU, she was consistently named to the President’s List. Mouer was president of Phi Sigma Pi National Honor Fraternity and vice president of Aqua League. After graduation, she plans to consider jobs in diving and coral reef ecology.

Devyn Murphy
Devyn Murphy, from Myrtle Beach, S.C., is a political science major with a minor in Spanish. While at CCU, she was named to both the President’s and the Dean’s Lists and was the recipient of the Coastal Scholar Award and S.C. Life Scholarship. Murphy is the vice president of Pi Sigma Alpha and a member of Phi Alpha Delta. Her honors thesis is titled “Feminist Political Theory and its impact on Women’s Political Representation in Argentina.” She plans to attend law school after graduation.

Caroline Murray
Caroline Murray, from Georgetown, Ky., is a psychology major. While at Coastal Carolina, she was named to the President’s List and has been awarded the Gupta College of Science Dean’s Excellence Scholarship. Murray is the vice president of Omicron Delta Kappa Honors Society, vice president of the Human Resources Club, a Teal Trailblazer for four years and part of their leadership council, and a member of the Phi Eta Sigma Honors Society. Her honors thesis, titled “Ecofeminism: Gender and Word Associations,” was presented at the Undergraduate Research Competition. After graduation, she plans on pursuing graduate studies in human resources.

Britney Nicholson
Britney Nicholson, from Belmont, Mich., is a marine science major with a minor in coastal geology. While at Coastal Carolina, she was public relations officer and president of the Rotaract Club, captain of the Chanticleer Regiment colorguard, and a member of other campus organizations. Nicholson was named to the President’s and the Dean’s Lists and received the Presidential Scholarship. Her honors thesis explores diatom species differences between flood and non-flood sediment deposits in an oxbow lake. After graduation, she hopes to participate in geophysical research at sea and eventually move to the Pacific Northwest to study its unique geological formations.

Jaliyah Oats
Jaliyah Oats, from Salisbury, N.C., is a psychology major. While at Coastal Carolina, she was named to the President’s List and awarded the Dean’s Excellence Scholarship, the Women in Philanthropy and Leadership Endowed Scholarship, and the Pat Singleton-Young Student Leader Alumni Board Endowed Scholarship. Oats has been fortunate to serve on the executive board for Coastal Carolina’s Women of Color Initiative and be involved in Coastal’s peer leader and Women in STEM mentoring programs. Her honors thesis, titled “Where Do I Belong? Religion and Health in College Students,” was presented at the Undergraduate Research Competition. After graduation, she plans on pursuing graduate studies in clinical counseling psychology.

Hailey Oldfield
Hailey Oldfield, from Florence, Ky., is a marine science major with a minor in applied mathematics and a certificate in sustainability. While at Coastal Carolina, she was named to the President’s and the Dean’s Lists. Oldfield is an officer in Alpha Delta Pi Sorority. She is working with Professor Paul Richardson on her honors thesis, titled “Environmental Bacteriophage Presence in Drainage Ponds on CCU’s Campus,” which was published in the South Carolina Academy of Science Undergraduate Research Journal. She plans to transition into a full-time laboratory technical position after graduation.

Rhoslyn Owens
Rhoslyn Owens, from Columbia, S.C., is a sociology major with anthropology minor. While at Coastal Carolina University, she was named to the President’s and the Dean’s Lists and was awarded the S.C. Lottery Life Scholarship, Teal Scholar Award, and Dean’s Excellence Scholarship. Owens’ honors thesis, titled “Medicalization and American High School Shootings,” was presented at the 2023 Undergraduate Research Competition. After graduation, Owens plans on pursuing graduate studies in sociology.

Max Paterick
Max Paterick, from Orefield, Pa., is a marketing major. While at the University, he was named to the President’s List and the Dean’s List. He completed his honors thesis with Professor Eugene See. Paterick worked in the president’s office during his senior year. He plans to stay in the Myrtle Beach area and pursue further education in digital marketing after graduation.

Adonya Pertell
Adonya Pertell, from North Myrtle Beach, S.C., is a double major in psychology and sociology with a concentration in social justice and a double minor in women and gender studies and criminology. While at Coastal Carolina, she was named to the President’s List each semester and has been awarded several accolades. Pertell was a research fellow with the Spadoni College of
Alexia Pistachio Carrasquillo
Alexia Pistachio Carrasquillo, from Hollywood, Md., is a marine science major with biology minor. While at Coastal Carolina, she was named to both the President’s and the Dean’s Lists and has been awarded the Women in Philanthropy and Leadership and the Dalton and Linda Floyd Mentoring Program scholarships. She has been a Floyd Family Mentor since freshman year and president of the Coastal Climbing Club for a year. After graduation, she plans on pursuing graduate research in immunology.

Jordan Rehe
Jordan Rehe, from Boyce, Va., is an intelligence and national security studies major and geographic information systems minor. During his academic years at Coastal Carolina, he was named to both the President’s and the Dean’s Lists multiple times and was awarded the President’s Scholar Award and the University Scholar Award. Rehe is the vice president of the Order of the Sword & Shield and a co-chair in the Phi Sigma Pi National Honor Fraternity. After graduation, he plans on pursuing a career in national security.

Grace Richa
Grace Richa, from Kennesaw, Ga., is a marine science major. While at Coastal Carolina, she was named to both the President’s and the Dean’s Lists Richa’s thesis, titled “Student Survival: Sleep and Social Parameters During a Pandemic,” was presented at the 2021 Undergraduate Research Competition. Pertell was heavily involved in several clubs on campus, including Social Justice Club, the Sociology and Criminology Club, and Women of Color. After graduation, she plans to continue her education in hopes of becoming a lawyer or professor of law.

Tyler Rielly
Tyler Rielly is originally from Steubenville, Ohio, and moved to Myrtle Beach, S.C. in 2014. He is pursuing a double major in applied statistics and political science. He has completed his capstone research in the analysis of National Football League playoff overtime rules using absorbing state Markov chains and the differences between split and straight ticket voting. He is a member of the Dyer Fellows, where his research includes ways to increase voter turnout by means of voter registration. Reilley was a resident adviser for two years and is completing his internship with the Coastal Carolina baseball data analytics team. After graduation, he plans to go into data analytics.

Bailey Ruhf
Bailey Ruhf, from Laceyville, Pa., is a finance major. During her time at Coastal, she was named to the President’s List and the Dean’s List and was a member of the softball team during her sophomore and junior years. Robinson’s honors thesis, titled “Preschool (PK) – Grade 12 Experiences and Career Influences for Education Majors,” was presented at the Honors Symposium. After graduation, she plans on pursuing her teaching career in Horry County Schools.

Harleigh Roach
Harleigh Roach, from Hebron, Conn., is a marketing major. While at Coastal, she was named to both the President’s and the Dean’s Lists and was awarded the Coastal Scholar Award. She was on the executive board of Alpha Xi Delta, a member of the Order of Omega and the National Society of Leadership and Success, and was nominated for the Spirit of the Chanticleer award. Roach competed in the Undergraduate Research Competition, where she presented her class research on inclusive education, highlighting how schools do or can teach towards all students’ backgrounds, specifically in higher education. After graduation, she plans on pursuing marketing consulting and hopes to move to Charlotte to begin her career.

Da’Vidria Robinson
Da’Vidria Robinson, from Greenwood, S.C., is an early childhood education major. While at Coastal Carolina, she was named to the President’s List and the Dean’s List and was a member of the softball team during her sophomore and junior years. Robinson’s honors thesis, titled “Preschool (PK) – Grade 12 Experiences and Career Influences for Education Majors,” was presented at the Honors Symposium. After graduation, she plans on pursuing her teaching career in Horry County Schools.
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the Presidential Scholarship and the semesters. Schuetze has been awarded and been a resident adviser for four semesters. While at Coastal, she was named to both the President’s List and the Dean’s List.

Madeline Schuetze
Madeline Schuetze, from Glen Allen, Va., is a marine science major. While working with Child Hunger Outreach Partners, a nonprofit focused on eliminating childhood food insecurity.

Jack Sandone
Jack Sandone, from Glendora, N.J., is a political science major. While at Coastal, he was named to both the President’s and the Dean’s Lists and was the recipient of the President’s Scholarship. Sandone is a peer mentor and worked to help freshmen adjust to their college experiences. His thesis is about the study of the evolution of the executive branch of the American government. After graduation, he plans to pursue his master’s degree in cybersecurity at Rowan University.

Lea Schroeder
Lea Schroeder, from Kutztown, Pa., is a marine science major. While at the University, she was consistently named to the President’s and the Dean’s Lists. She worked as a student assistant at the Burroughs & Chapin Center for Marine and Wetland Studies and in another lab on campus, where she assisted a graduate student in aging juvenile spot. This project sparked her interest and resulted in her own honors thesis, titled “Juvenile Spot (Leiostomus xanthurus) age and growth in two North Inlet, S.C., tidal creeks.” After graduation, Schroeder plans on pursuing a career in coastal water quality management.

Kaitlin Serad
Kaitlin Serad, from Philadelphia, Pa., is a psychology major with forensic concentration and security studies minor. While at Coastal Carolina, she was named to the President’s List and the Dean’s List. Serad is the recipient of the Coastal Scholar Award and the S.C. Life Scholarship. Her honors thesis, titled “Music as an influence of College Students’ Risk-Taking Behavior,” was presented at CCU. After graduation, she plans to work locally in Horry or Georgetown County before pursuing her graduate studies.

Margaret Shoop
Margaret Shoop, from Massillon, Ohio, is pursuing majors in marine science, political science, and languages and intercultural studies, with minors in Asian studies and applied mathematics. While at Coastal Carolina University, Shoop served as a resident adviser, a Chinese language tutor, an ILRC DEI Fellow, and a Jackson Scholar. She was named to the President’s List and was awarded the Taiwanese Ministry of Education Huayu Enrichment Scholarship to study abroad in Taiwan. Following graduation, she plans to pursue graduate studies in energy and environment policy.

Lindsay Sites
Lindsay Sites, from Cumberland, Md., is an intelligence and national security studies major. During her time at Coastal, she was named to both the President’s and the Dean’s Lists, and she is a member of the National Society of Leadership and Success. Sites’ honors thesis is focused on answering “What factors best explain individual membership in a terrorist group?” After graduation, she plans on pursuing a job in the intelligence field.

Margaret Smith
Margaret Smith, from Mundelein, Ill., is a psychology major with forensic concentration and a pre-law minor. While at Coastal Carolina, she was named to both the President’s and the Dean’s Lists, and she was the director of social events for Chi Omega Fraternity. Smith’s honors thesis, titled “The Role of Greek Life Participation on Student Behavior and Intentions,” was presented at the Undergraduate Research Competition. After graduation, she plans on attending the University of South Carolina to obtain a Master of Science in human resources.

Trevor Stevens
Trevor Stevens, from Clover, S.C., is a biology major with minors in chemistry, pre-health professions, and dramatic arts. While at Coastal Carolina University, he was named to the President’s and the Dean’s Lists. Stevens’ honors thesis is titled “Succinate Semialdehyde Reductase Knockout in Alzheimer’s Drosophila.” Outside his lab studies, he has pursued artistic endeavors through performing with the Coastal Carolina University Department of Theatre and assisting both the marching band and winterguard programs at Carolina Forest High School. After graduation, he plans on attending medical school to pursue a career in pediatric family medicine.
**Brianna Strohl**
Brianna Strohl, from Slatton, Pa., is a communication major with minors in marketing and film. While at Coastal Carolina, she was consistently on the President’s List. Strohl is a member of Phi Sigma Pi Honors Fraternity, holding both fellowship and founders day chair positions from 2021-2022. She plans to move back to Pennsylvania and pursue a career in social media marketing after graduation.

**Olivia Sundman**
Olivia Sundman, from Windham, N.H., is a biochemistry major. While at CCU, she was named to both the President’s and the Dean’s Lists. Sundman conducted multiple years of research in the biology and chemistry departments. Sundman presented two projects, titled “Cloning and Overexpression of Phayonce Genes to Assess Cytotoxicity in Mycobacterium Smegmatis” and “Antioxidant Potentials of Kombucha Based on Water Chemistry and its Impact on Fermentation.” After graduation, she plans on exploring the health care field before attending a physician assistant program.

**Miles Tarullo**
Miles Tarullo, from Louisville, Ky., is a marine science major. She was the recipient of the Presidential Scholarship and was awarded the Gilman Scholarship in her junior year to help fund her trip to the Bahamas to take Professor Dan Abel’s shark biology course. After graduation, Tarullo is pursuing her master’s degree at CCU while working with Professor Shaowu Bao to study flooding in the area.

**Jennifer Terry**
Jennifer Terry, from Lancaster, S.C., is an English major with a minor in creative writing. During the 2020-2021 school year, she was named Sophomore of the Year for the English Department. Terry has been a Writing Center tutor, an intern at The Athenaeum Press, assistant editor for Tempo Magazine, and is president of Sigma Tau Delta. Her honors thesis is a collection of elegiac poetry titled “A Question of Return,” which was presented at the Honors Symposium. After graduation, Terry plans on pursuing an advanced degree in English.

**Anna Tingler**
Anna Tingler, from Hurricane, W.Va., is a biochemistry major. While at Coastal Carolina University, she was named to the President’s List and named Undergraduate of the Year for the Department of Chemistry. She is the student president of Omicron Delta Kappa and the president of Biochemistry and Chemistry Club. Tingler is a Presidential Ambassador, a general chemistry tutor, and a general chemistry lab assistant. She actively participated in research to write her honors thesis, titled “The Synthesis of Phidianidine Analogs Containing Modifications in the Indole, Aromatic and Biaryl Ring Systems,” which was presented at the Undergraduate Research Competition and the American Chemical Society - South Carolina section meeting. After graduation, she plans to pursue graduate studies in biomedical sciences.

**Emily Trimberger**
Emily Trimberger is an exercise and sports science major with a pre-allied health professions concentration. While at Coastal Carolina, she was named to the Dean’s List and was awarded the Teal Scholar Award. Trimberger is a research assistant, peer mentor, and officer in Exercise Science Club. After graduation, she plans on attending Georgia Southern University for a Master of Science in athletic training.

**Nicholas Urbanek**
Nicholas Urbanek, from South Riding, Va., is a marine science major with a minor in geographic information systems. While at Coastal, he was named to both the President’s and the Dean’s Lists and has been awarded the Wall Fellows Scholarship. Urbanek’s honors thesis, titled “A Market Analysis of Aquatic Data Loggers,” was presented in Iceland. After graduation, he will be a full-time bathymetrist for the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency.

**Thomas Vehige**
Thomas Vehige, from Myrtle Beach, S.C., is a sports and communication major with a film and production minor. While at the University, he was named to the President’s List and was part of the Coastal Carolina football creative media team, helping produce a wide variety of content for their social platforms. Vehige worked with the Sun Belt Conference and at the College Football National Championship game. After graduation, he will be a full-time freelancer in the Grand Strand Area.

**Amanda Wade**
Amanda Wade, from Fayetteville, N.C., is a graphic design major with minors in photography and art studio. While at Coastal Carolina, she was consistently named to the Dean’s List and awarded the Coastal Scholar Award. After graduation, Wade plans to find a job doing graphic design while continuing to work in dirt racing.

**Caitlyn Weinstein**
Caitlyn Weinstein, from Baltimore, Md., is a biology major with minors in public health and chemistry. While at the University, she was named to the President’s and the Dean’s Lists and received the President’s Scholar Award and the University Scholar Award. Weinstein is the vice president of finance Alpha Delta Pi. After graduation, she plans on pursuing medical school.
Arin Wells
Arin Wells, from Bluffton, S.C., is a graphic design major and a marketing minor. While at the University, she was consistently named to the President’s List and the Dean’s List and was awarded the Coastal Scholar Award. Wells has participated in various organizations on campus, notably Women of Color, where she was able to build leadership and mentoring skills. Her honors thesis, titled “Changing the Nation One Image at a Time: How Graphic Design Advanced the American Civil Rights Movement,” was presented at the Undergraduate Research Competition. After graduation, Wells plans on pursuing a career in graphic design.

Jingle Wells
Jingle Wells, from Weeki Wachee, Fla., is a marine science major and a creative writing minor. While at the University, she was consistently named to the President’s List and was a member of the Coastal Carolina University chapter of the National Honors Society. After graduation, she hopes to pursue an M.F.A. in creative writing in an area where she can also volunteer with marine conservation groups.

Jerry White
Jerry White III, from Little River, S.C., is a biology major with music minor. While at Coastal, he was named to the President’s List and the Dean’s List. He served as the treasurer of Students Advocating Gender Equality (SAGE) and treasurer of the TriBeta National Biology Honors Fraternity. White’s thesis, titled “Induction of the [URE3] Yeast Prion by Overexpression of Variants of URE2,” was presented at the Honors Research Symposium. After graduation, he plans on pursuing graduate studies for dental medicine.

Austin Williams
Austin Williams, from Cranford, N.J., is a business management major. While at the University, he was named to the President’s List, started a fraternity and became its vice president, and was a member of Beta Gamma Sigma and the National Society of Leadership and Success. After graduation, Williams plans on completing an internship with the Yankees Double-A team.

Kyle Yalch
Kyle Yalch from Raleigh, N.C., is a digital culture and design major. He was a recipient of the Presidential Scholarship and HTC Honors College Scholarship. Yalch is a member of the Japan Club and won third place in Archarios Literary Art Magazine 2023 competition. After graduation, he plans on working as a digital artist or photographer.
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